

NO PLACE TO LAY HIS HEAD.

Former Ambassador Choate Uses Witty Story to Drive Home a Desired Point.

At a recent dinner in New York Joseph H. Choate, former ambassador from the United States to Great Britain, was speaking of the necessity for proper ambassadorial residences in foreign countries.

"When I first went to England," said Mr. Choate, "I spent weeks and weeks looking for a house. It was most arduous service in my country's interest. I trailed all over the available sections of London, and while I was at it a London bobby arrested a man who was pursuing a most erratic and forlorn course out Hyde Park way.

"Here, my man," said the bobby. "What are you doing? Why don't you go home?"

"Home?" replied the man, bitterly. "I have no home. I am the American ambassador."

APPROPRIATE.



Elsie—I got first prize at cooking school last term.

Peggie—What was it?

Elsie—A beautiful book: "First Aid to the Injured."

MANY MEXICANS DIE.

Reports of vital statistics received at the state health department indicate a rather remarkable condition at El Paso. Out of 157 deaths reported for last month all but 28 were Mexicans.

The Mexicans constitute about one-third of the population of El Paso, yet their death rate is approximately four times greater than that of the white people.

The large percentage of mortality among the Mexicans, however, is attributed to the death of children, the state reports reciting the death of many babies. Indigestion and kindred troubles are given as the chief causes of death among the children.—San Antonio Express.

HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF.

Three hundred years before Christ a court of arbitration was held in Alexandria, in which all troubles between husbands and wives were considered and divorces averted by careful hearing of evidence. This has been made clear through a document recently discovered, which goes to show that men and their wives have had periods of disagreement for a great many years.

MOTOR CARS ACROSS DESERT.

Among the latest activities of awakening China is to be a service of motor cars across the Gobi desert to replace the tea caravans of old. The service will cross the desert between Urga and Kalgan, which will shortly be connected with Peking by rail.

A HABIT.

Contributor—I should like to leave these poems with your editor. What is the usual procedure? I haven't done any magazine work before.

Office Boy—Well, the usual custom is to leave 'em, an' call back in a day or so—and git 'em.—Tit-Bits.

PERSEVERING SUFFRAGETTES.

London was somewhat shocked and amused the other day to discover that the glass front of the portrait of Prime Minister Asquith at the Royal academy exhibition had been placarded with a bill inscribed, "Votes for Women."

A POOR TRADE.

"What good did your daughter get from that fashionable boarding school?"

"I don't know. She lost all her manners and brought back a lot of airs."—Exchange.

WOULD ABOLISH EARRINGS.

Physician Tells of Fatal Case of Consumption Caused by the Ornament—Other Dangers.

"A young girl died of consumption in a strange way last week," said a physician. "It was sad. She was a healthy, beautiful girl a few months ago."

"But a few months ago a school friend of hers, being taken off by tuberculosis, left my patient a pair of earrings. My patient wore the earrings, which must have been alive with tubercle bacilli, and in a short time a tubercular sore manifested itself in the perforation of her left ear."

"In putting in the ring, she had broken the skin, inoculating herself with consumption. It was consumption of the galloping kind. It only took a few months to kill her."

"We talk about the cosset danger," the physician concluded, "but it is nothing beside the earring danger. Earrings, even the clip sort that don't require pierced ears, cause a dreadful amount of eczema, and the foolish law permitting jewelers to pierce the ear is responsible for an equally dreadful amount of blood poisoning."

AN OMINOUS BEGINNING.

"Even if a man pays for a marriage license in copper cents, Clerk Scully probably has no right to refuse to issue the license, but he must feel like it when he sees a handful of chicken feed shoved toward him," said a man who has personal knowledge of the working of the matrimonial bureau. "Many a license is bought with small coins of various denominations. Of course, a dollar in nickels and dimes is as good to the city as a whole paper bill, but the outlook for the bride and bridegroom seems dubious. A man who cannot scrape up anything but fractional currency to buy a marriage license with must be pretty hard pushed, indeed, and it looks as if he is rushing into matrimony New York Times.

BRIEF WILLS.

Ten lines on a scrap of paper were sufficient to dispose of the immense fortune of the late Mr. Henry Barnato. The will was not the shortest on record, but it ran the record close. Probably the briefest testament was that of a Streatham gentleman who had often declared he would make his will on a half sheet of note paper. Probably he had Balfourian leanings in politics. He did as he had said, and wrote "All for mother" on a bit of paper. The will was signed "C. T." and witnessed by the testator's two sons. The document was admitted to probate in due course.—Pall Mall Gazette.

WE'VE ALL HEARD IT.

"Why do people insist on telling stories about the time their house was on fire? All the stories are alike."

"And always have been. When Eve told Methuselah about the fire in the garden of Eden she said, 'And we only escaped in the clothes we had on.'"

EFFORT AND RELAXATION.

"I come from one of the oldest families in Europe," said the titled suitor.

"I know," answered Mr. Cumrox; "one of those families that fought and worked so hard years ago that subsequent generations have done nothing except try to get rested up."

WHY SHE WROTE.

Crawford—Your wife must be dead in love with you. She has sent you a letter every day since she has been away.

Crabshaw—They are only little notes to tell me to send her some article she forgot to put in her trunk.—Puck.

INSIDE INFORMATION.

"A man wants to see you inside, sir," said the maid to the man of the house who was employed in the garden.

"Has he got an X-ray machine with him?" was the busy man's reply.

A LACONIC TRAGEDY.

"How did that new reporter get along with his balloon ascension?"

"He fell down."

School Notes.

By P. M. Allison County Superintendent of Schools.

Requests are constantly coming to me for copies of the New School Laws. This was a revising session of the Legislature and the State Supt. of Schools thinks they will be ready for distribution about Nov. The revised laws do not go into effect until then.

As soon as the supply for this office is received I will mail copies to teachers and School officials. The important changes will be taken up and discussed at our August meeting.

The State Supt. has designated Sept. 4th as "Clean Up Day." It is hoped that the people will go out in their respective districts and see that every thing is put in readiness for school. The walls and ceiling of the room should be well dusted, the floor scrubbed, and the desks carefully cleaned, and where there was any contagious disease in the school last year the room should be fumigated. This can be done by using sulphur candles. They are not expensive and any one can use them. The drinking water should be looked after also.

During the summer vacation the water has remained stagnant and in many cases is not fit for use. Where possible the water should be drawn out and a fresh supply furnished. If this cannot be done, a very satisfactory way of purifying the water is to purchase at the drug store a small amount of permanganate of potassium, which your teacher will know how to use as it will be thoroughly explained in our August Meeting. All out buildings should be put in good repair and the yard cleaned of weeds and other obstructions. Your teacher should be there and direct the work, making suggestions concerning the arrangements of desks, stove, means of ventilation or any improvement that should be made. This will afford a good opportunity for teachers and patrons to become acquainted.

From the clerks' reports we find that 3262 boys and 3085 girls were enrolled in the schools of the county last year with an average daily attendance of 5764. Seventy three pupils graduated from the rural schools. Many errors were found in these reports but upon the whole they were in good condition. One clerk for a rural school reported their salary as being \$100.53. This we feel quite sure is an error, but on the other hand a certain teacher in the county, who had an enrollment of fifteen pupils, reported to the clerk of that district an average daily attendance of 1111 1-4. That this is an error cannot be questioned either of which could have been avoided, by being more careful.

McKinley school, in Mingo township, leads the rural schools on the number of volumes in the library, having two hundred eighty three volumes, Harmony, in Shawnee, is not far behind. Pleasant Valley, in Lone Oak township, added the greatest number of volumes to their library of any school in the county, having added seventy volumes last year.

Triplets Born Near Garden City.

The indefinite but authorized report reached this office this morning of the birth of triplets at the home of a farmer near Garden City yesterday. The parents are Mr. and Mrs. Bradley, residing three miles west of that place. All three of the babies were living when born, but the weakest died an hour after birth. The other two babies and the mother are getting along nicely. The triplets weighed four pounds each.—Cass County Dem.

Local News.

Personals Telling the Doings People You Know.

J. C. Hanley and wife visited Adrian relatives Sunday.

Miss Letha Lawson is visiting in Kansas City.

F. E. Ralston was a Kansas City visitor Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Fortune arrived home from their wedding trip last Thursday.

Joe Graves of the Sprague neighborhood transacted business in Rich Hill Saturday.

Raymond Watson was a business visitor in Butler Monday afternoon.

Miss Mary Gordon of El Dorado is visiting her aunt Mrs. S. C. Lamar of the south side.

Mrs. Robt. Johnson, of Butler, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Marsh of this city.

Mrs. L. M. Griffith visited with her parents in Nevada the latter part of last week.

Mrs. W. W. Jameson spent Sunday in Butler the guest of her parents Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Weeks.

Mrs. Wm. Hutannus and little son who have been visiting in Springfield, Ill., returned home Saturday.

Mrs. Dyke McCann of Nevada visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. Uriah Ayers the latter part of last week.

Bert Buckeridge of San Antonio Texas visited a few days with his parents in this city last week.

Mrs. Elmer Jones and daughter Mary, Mrs. John Heck and daughter Agnes and Miss Collin Heck are El Dorado visitors this week.

Wes. Arrasmith who is employed in the Pittsburg (Kansas) smelters visited relatives and friends here the latter part of last week.

Judge George Templeton of this city went to El Dorado Friday noon on business. He was joined by his wife Monday and they will spend several days in that city.

W. E. Masterson who is employed by the government in the capacity of foreman of a railroad gang in the canal zone returned to his work starting Thursday night after spending two or three weeks with friends in this vicinity.

Charged With Stealing Hogs.

Prosecuting Attorney W. B. Dawson on Wednesday morning filed before Justice Jeter of this township an information charging C. A. Warner and son, Bert Warner with stealing a load of hogs from J. S. Bell, Jr., near Nyhart and taking them to Sprague and selling them. Bert Warner was tried at Nyhart a week ago on the charge of hog stealing and the jury failed to reach a verdict. The elder Warner is well known in Butler where he peddles fish. The case grew out of a number of losses in stock in the Nyhart neighborhood largely from the Bell ranch.

Under the present information the two are charged with a felony for which the punishment is a term in the penitentiary.—Butler Democrat.

Drowned in a Rain Barrel.

A report to the St. Louis Globe-Democrat says that the young son of a farmer named John Baker, living 10 miles north west of Nevada was drowned in a rain barrel last Sunday afternoon. He was playing by himself and in some manner fell head foremost into the barrel and was unable to extricate himself.

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World's Champions.

Dan Patch and Minor Heir to Race at the Missouri State Fair.

Every since its establishment in the memorable "dry year" of 1901, the mile race track on the Missouri State Fair grounds at Sedalia has been conceded by prominent horsemen to be one of the fastest and best tracks in America, and now, that the owners of the world's champion pacers, Dan Patch and Minor Heir (two horses that are valued at a quarter of a million dollars) have contracted to race these great horses on it during the coming annual exhibition, October 2-8, there is no further doubt of its superiority—only the best and most noted speedways can secure them.

That "all mankind loves a fine horse" is proverbial and Missourians, themselves producers and owners of many great horses are no exception. On October 4th at the Missouri State Fair will be the first appearance with in this state of these great stars of the light harness horse world—skillful diplomacy and the guarantee of a princely bunch of the coin of the realm, were required to secure them. Missouri's citizens are to be congratulated over being thus afforded an opportunity to see a supreme speed contest between the world's two greatest pacers, and it is freely predicted that this event will be witnessed by one of the greatest crowds ever assembled at the State Fair. The leading railroads in the state will carry passengers for the Fair at half regular rates, selling October 1st with return ticket October 10th.

Bolivar Reunion.

The coming Old Soldiers and Old Settlers Reunion to be held in Bolivar, Mo., commencing Monday, August 30th, and continuing until Saturday, September 4th, will no doubt be one of the most enjoyable of Missouri Reunions this year. It is planned to make the occasion a date for the home coming of those who have moved away and located in other states. The grounds are ideally located, well watered and it will be a splendid opportunity to meet old friends and comrades. The program will be varied sufficiently to please all. Come and bring your family.

For further information address Ed E. Schofield, President; L. M. Payne, Secretary.

City Clerk J. K. Martin took a vacation and visited the Cowles-Kellogg ranch in Wallace county, Kansas last week in company with F. E. Kellogg of Kansas City and Clark Wix of Butler.

SACRED SPOT FOR AMERICANS

Battlefield of Saratoga Might Well Properly Be Preserved by the Nation.

Of all the famous fields of northern gateway, the Hudson-Champlain route, that of Saratoga must remain the first, having already earned inclusion among the few decisive battles of the world. It would be far from unfortunate if fraction of the temporary enthusiasm and transient interest now turning toward this celebration might find permanent expression in a proper preservation, either as state or national park, of this battlefield where the first great victory of the revolution was won, and where the American born, the continental, unaided by the French captured for the first and last time a British army; for though the surrender took place a few miles beyond and to the northward, it was at Saratoga, on the field above Stillwater and before Bemis heights, that the fate of Burgoyne's army was sealed.

HOW TO BE AN ORATOR.

A politician, says a writer in Tit-Bits, was congratulated upon his oratory. He had made an excellent speech, and the reporters were asking him to tell them, so that they might tell their papers, how he did it. "I am afraid that oratory comes natural if it comes at all," said the speaker, and proceeded to quote an old Yorkshireman on the subject.

"Tha wants to be a public speaker, dost thou, lad?" Job would say; "an' tha thinks Aw'm the chap to put tha up to a wrinkle about it? Tha's right, I awn. Now, hark tha! When tha rises to meck thy speech, hit tha table and open thy mouth. If now comes, tak a sup o' water an' hit public again. Then open thy mouth wider tha first. Then, if now comes, tak thyself off, and leave public speekin' to such as me."—Youth's Companion.

JUST THE PLACE.



The Artist—I have some pictures of him; I would like to submit to your paper.

The Editor—Just put 'em in the basket; they will lay fine there.

WILLING TO TAKE CHANCES.

"You wish to marry my daughter?"

"Yes, sir."

"Do you know that she comes of an old and honored family?"

"Yes, sir. But I truly love her, and believe that she has the ability within herself to be a good wife in spite of it."